

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended****I--REGISTRANT**

1. Name of Registrant

CGTN America

2. Registration No. (To Be Assigned By the FARA Registration Unit)

6633

3. Principal Business Address

1099 New York Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20001

4. If the registrant is an individual, furnish the following information:

(a) Residence address(es)

(b) Other business address(es), if any

(c) Nationality

(d) Year of birth

(e) Present citizenship

(f) If present citizenship not acquired by birth, state when, where and how acquired

(g) Occupation

5. If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information:

(a) Type of organization: Committee ☐ Association ☐ Partnership ☐ Voluntary group ☐Corporation ☐Other (specify) News Bureau

(b) Date and place of organization 02/06/2012

(c) Address of principal office 1099 New York Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20001

(d) Name of person in charge Jing Ma, Director General

(e) Locations of branch or local offices None

(f) If a membership organization, give number of members

(g) List all partners, officers, directors or persons performing the functions of an officer or director of the registrant.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Position	Nationality
Jing Ma	Provided Under Separate Cover to the FARA Unit	Director General	Chinese

(h) Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?
Jing Ma

(i) Describe the nature of the registrant's regular business or activity.

CGTN America is the Washington news bureau for CCTV. CCTV, through a division it has named China Global Television Network ("CGTN"), offers multi-language news channels internationally, including a 24-hour English-language news channel that is broadcast to over 100 countries, including the United States.

(j) Give a complete statement of the ownership and control of the registrant.

CGTN America is the Washington news bureau for CCTV, which is a state-owned public institution of the People's Republic of China.

6. List all employees who render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals in other than a clerical, secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity.

Name	Residence Address(es)	Nature of Services
Qingqing Li	Provided Under Separate Cover to the FARA Unit	Deputy Director General
Chun Guo	Provided Under Separate Cover to the FARA Unit	Managing Editor of Production
Hong Yao	Provided Under Separate Cover to the FARA Unit	Deputy Managing Editor of Production

CGTN America also engages approximately 180 professional journalists, editors and other news bureau staff, who are involved in gathering and reporting the news and producing programs for international broadcast by CCTV through its CGTN English-language channel.

II--FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. List every foreign principal¹ for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

Foreign Principal
CCTV

Principal Address(es)

1A Guanghua Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100020

III--ACTIVITIES

8. In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will you engage or are you engaging now in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

IV--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

9. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register² to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 any contribution, income, or money either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal an account of such monies.³

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Purpose	Amount
CCTV - See Attachment			

Total

¹ The term "foreign principal," as defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, includes a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization, foreign individual and, for the purpose of registration, an organization or an individual any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual.

² An agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

³ A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. There is no printed form for this exhibit. (See Rule 201(c), 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(e)).

(b) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁴ to the time of filing this statement, did you receive from any foreign principal named in Item 7 anything of value⁵ other than money, either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
CCTV - See Attachment			

10. (a) DISBURSEMENT-MONIES

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁶ to the time of filing this statement, did you spend or disburse any money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal named including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
CCTV - See Attachment			

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁷ to the time of filing this statement, did you dispose of any thing of value⁸ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with your activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose

(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register⁹ to the time of filing this statement, did you, the registrant, or any short form registrant, make any contribution of money or other thing of value from your own funds and on your own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event

4, 6, 7 and 9 See Footnote 2, on page 3.

5 and 8 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks", and the like.

V--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS¹⁰

11. Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

12. Identify each such foreign principal.
CCTV

13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount and for what period of time.

See Attachment

14. Will any public relations firms or publicity agents participate in the preparation or dissemination of such informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the names and addresses of such persons or firms.

15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

- ☒ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (*specify*) _____

Electronic Communications

- ☐ Email
☒ Website URL(s): https://america.cgtn.com
☒ Social media website URL(s): See Attachment
☐ Other (*specify*) _____

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) <u>See Attachment</u> |

17. Indicate language to be used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (*specify*) _____

¹⁰ The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI--EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

18. (a) The following described exhibits shall be filed with an initial registration statement:

- Exhibit A-* This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal named in Item 7.
- Exhibit B-* This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.
- (b) An Exhibit C shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. (See Rule 201(c) and (d)).
- (c) An Exhibit D shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal. (See Rule 201 (e)).

VII--EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹¹)

August 01, 2019

/s/ Jing Ma

eSigned

¹¹ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

ATTACHMENT**CGTN AMERICA - REGISTRATION STATEMENT****IV. Financial Information****9(a) Receipts-Monies.**

All the costs for the operations of CGTN America are funded by CCTV. CCTV from time to time transfers funds to the U.S. to cover these costs. The dates and amounts of any such transfers made during the period covered by this statement (*i.e.*, Dec. 1, 2018- Jan. 31, 2019) are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
12/06/2018	\$4,999,990.00	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
12/06/2018	\$11,062,256.22	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
12/18/2018	\$145,291.59	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
12/18/2018	\$2,707,435.00	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
12/20/2018	\$185,539.00	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
12/20/2018	\$496,983.00	Defray CGTN America operating expenses
01/30/2019	\$4,999,990.00	Defray CGTN America operating expenses

9(b) Receipts-Things of Value.

See response to 9(a).

10(a) Disbursement -Monies

Disbursements Detail (From Dec. 1, 2018-Jan. 31, 2019)	
Office rent and management fee	\$605,146.68
Utilities	\$20,115.85
Security expense	\$64,348.94
Employment related expenses	\$5,743,597.19
Transmission expense	\$118,742.91
Content purchase expenses	\$54,989.39
Meals and entertainment	\$23,878.33
Rent for offsite shooting	\$234,617.15
Travel expenses	\$455,871.37
Insurance expense	\$1,864.00
Promotion and advertising	\$17,789.57
Equipment and supplies	\$301,421.39
Legal and accounting expenses	\$246,426.92
Repair and maintenance	\$104,514.68
TOTAL	\$7,993,324.37

Note: The total disbursement amount includes some estimated expenses.

V. Informational Materials

11. Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials?

Yes. The Department of Justice's FARA Unit has stated that "'bona fide news or journalistic activities' are not exempt from the statute's [*i.e.*, FARA's] reach unless they are undertaken by organizations in the United States that are controlled by U.S. citizens"; and that "the registration requirement does not depend on the accuracy of reporting, or the viewpoint (or viewpoints) expressed," but that it does depend on whether the organization "intends to influence the American public and policy makers on relevant topics" (termed "political activities" in FARA), "regardless of whether it is also 'balanced' or aims to balance reporting by other networks." In light of these considerations, the FARA Unit has concluded that CGTN America engages in "political activities" as defined by FARA, requiring it to register. The FARA Unit also has concluded that registration is required because CGTN America is acting as a "publicity agent" and "information-service employee," as those terms are defined in FARA. The FARA Unit has concluded that the news programs produced by CGTN America and broadcast internationally (including the U.S.) by CCTV/CGTN are "informational materials."

13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials?

See response to items 9 and 10.

15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

Electronic Communications – Social media website URL(s):

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/cgtnamerica>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cgtnamerica/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cgtnamerica>; Instagram: <https://instagram.com/cgtnamerica/>

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

Other (specify). Television audiences in over 100 countries, including the United States. More specifically, CGTN America is the "Washington News Bureau" for CCTV. CCTV, through a division it has named the China Global Television Network ("CGTN"), offers multi-language news channels internationally, including a 24-hour English-language news channel that is broadcast to over 100 countries, including the United States. CGTN America is a unit within CGTN and works in tandem with CGTN news bureaus located in Nairobi and Beijing to produce news reports and other programming for the 24-hour English-language broadcasts. CGTN America performs news gathering and reporting activities like those performed by other Washington news bureaus, including those of other foreign news organizations that broadcast or publish in the U.S.

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RE: CGTN America
Registration No. 6633

Dear Mr. Van Grack:

Pursuant to our discussions with the FARA Unit, please find attached a revised Registration Statement (including exhibits and short-form registrations) for CGTN America to be substituted for its original submission dated February 1, 2019. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Farah

William J. Farah

(Attachments)